

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005, and the references cited therewith. No claims area amended or cancelled. Claims 1-16 remain pending.

Abstract

The abstract was objected to. Applicant has amended the abstract to overcome the objection.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4, 5, 9 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,892,941 and claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,704. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

Claims 12-16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,892,941, claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,801 and claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,704. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

Claim 5 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,892,941 in view of Liff, U.S. Patent No. 6,283,322. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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